Inclusion of Andal and Pandaveswar Exchanges in rural automatic exchanges

3259. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the inclusion of Andal and Pandaveswar Exchanges in the Rural Automatic Exchanges;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) (i) Pandaveswar does not qualify for a 128 port C-DOT RAX due to inadequate demand.

(ii) A 500 line RLU at Andal forming part of 10-B exchange at Asansol is proposed in 1990-91. A. C-DOT RAX is, therefore, not necessary.

आई० पी० सी० एल० को वितरण व्यवस्था

3260. श्री अजीत जोगी :

श्री ठाकुर जगतपाल सिंह :

क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि.

(क) क्या यह सच है कि इंडियन पेट्रो केमिकल्स प्रा० लि० बड़ोदरा द्वारा औद्योगिक इकाइयों को ईथाइलीन एवं पोली प्रापेलीन की सप्लाई निजी क्षेत्र के वितरकों के जरिए की जा रही है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो निजी वितरकों के स्थान पर मध्य प्रदेश लघु उद्योग निगम लि०, भोपाल को पूरे राज्य के लिए वितरक नियुक्त करने में क्या आपत्ति है ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री जे० वेंगल राव) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) सामान्यत: आई पी सी एल की नीति अपने पालीमर उत्पादों के लिए विक्रेताओं की नियुक्ति करने की है ताकि प्रतियोगिता के जरिए ग्राहकों को बेहतर सेवा प्रदान की जा सके । अत: आई० पी० सी० एल० के लिए मध्य प्रदेश लघु उद्योग निगम लिमिटेड के सारे राज्य से एकाधिकार के आधार पर काम करने की अनुमति देना सम्भव नहीं हुआ है ।

Village Post Offices

3261. SHRI VITHARAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of villages in India where post offices have been opened;

(b) how many such post offices are connected by telephone services; and

(c) what are the rates of telephone calls in urban and rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) As on 31st March, 1988 there were 1,28,829 post offices functioning in the rural areas, each post office serving on average 4 to 5 villages.

(b) As on 30th June, 1988, 37,000 villages in the country were having telephone services. The number of post offices in rural areas provided with telephone facility is being ascertained and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The rates are indicated in the statement.

Statement

Rates of telephone calls in Urban and Rural Areas

(I) *Measured Rate Systems* (Where calls are metered).

(i) *Individual Telephone connections*:

Call range in bi-monthly period	Charges per call unit for calls in a bi-monthly period
Upto 275 calls.	Free.
From 276 calls to 2000 calls.	80 paise.
From 2001 to 5000 calls.	Rs. 1/-
In excess of 5000 calls.	Rs. 1.25
(ii) Local Public Telephones.	Rs. 1/- per local call.

(II) *Flat Rate Systems* (Where calls are not metered).

(i) Under the flat system, only a fixed annual/ bi-monthly rental is charged. No separate call fees are charged for local calls.

(ii) Local Public Telephones. 50 paise per local call.

STD Facilities in Maharashtra

3262. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV RAO JADHAV:

SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cities which are linked with STD facilities in the country;

(b) what is the number of cities in Maharashtra which are linked by STD facilities; and

(c) what is the present stage of linking Nanded and Parbhani districts of Maharasthra with STD?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) 566 cities are linked with STD facilities in the country.

(b) 40 cities in Maharashtra are linked by STD facilities.

(c) It has been planned to provide STD facility at Nanded during 1988-89 at Prabhani during 1989-90.

Activities of the National Industrial Development Corporation Limited

3263. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the promotional and other activities of the National Industrial Development Corporation Limited, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Corporation is also executing development projects and other assignments for various other organisations/departments; if so what are the details of such projects and assignments at present being handled by the Corporation; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Corporation has taken a policy decision to give priority to the small scale sector to generate more employment and end poverty speedily under the new 20-Point Economic Programme, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) National Industrial Development Corporation Limited's activities include providing detailed engineering services and project management services etc. to its customers and carrying out techno-economic studies on their behalf.

(b) Yes, Sir. Details of some of the major projects being executed by N.I.D.C. at present are given in the statement enclosed. (*See* below).

(c) Where needed, N.I.D.C. engages the services of suitable suppliers and contractors inclusive of vendors in the small scale sector and small entrepreneurs.

Statement

Details of some of the major projects presently under execution by N.I.D.C. Ltd.

(1) Rendering detailed Engineering and Construction Management Services